

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Application No. 08/988,181

Applicant hereby cancels claims 6-9 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.


As to claims 12-43, these claims have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-18 of U.S. Patent No. 5,713,803. Without commenting on the merits of this rejection, Applicant files herewith a terminal disclaimer to obviate this rejection.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 12-43 are in condition for immediate allowance. It is therefore requested that the application be passed to issuance at the earliest possible time. Should any other issues remain, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the local telephone exchange listed below.

Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

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